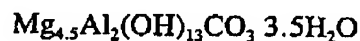


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Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 5 of applicants' specification with the following paragraph:

-- The hydrotalcite for use as Component (D) can be represented by the following general formula:



~~and~~ and any one of synthetic hydrotalcites subjected to surface treatment or not, removal of water of crystallization, firing, etc. and those of natural origin such as products of Russian Ural district, Norwegian Snarm district, etc. can be used. Practically, commercially available products such as DHT-4A, DHT-4A-2, KW-2000, etc. (all of which are trademarks of products made by Kyowa Kagaku KK, Japan) can be used directly.--

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 7 of applicants' specification with the following paragraph:

-- In the prior art disclosed in the above-mentioned JP-A-50-132057 practically using only polyvalent carboxylic acid salt in spite of the statement of applicability of polyvalent carboxylic ~~carboxylic~~ acids, an acrylic elastomer composition capable of giving distinguished vulcanization characteristics can be obtained in the present invention by using polyvalent carboxylic acids per

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se. Vulcanization products of the present acrylic elastomer composition have also distinguished compression set characteristics.--

Please amend the Abstract as Follows:

--An acrylic elastomer composition that includes ~~comprising~~ (A) a halogen-containing acrylic elastomer, (B) a polyvalent carboxylic acid, (C) a quaternary onium salt and (D) a hydrotalcite and which can be vulcanized within a shorter vulcanization time to give a vulcanization product having distinguished normal state physical properties and compression set characteristics, even without any secondary vulcanization.--